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LET THE QUESTION BE DEIDED.

A year ago, when the Legislature met, it was found that the House of | waiting to see what action their Su-Representatives was nearly equally preme Court will take in this case. divided between the two political par | The honor, the credit, the material ties, and it was evident there would interests, the millions on deposit, be a hot contest between the Repub all and more are involved in their ac licans and Democrats as to which tion. Let them not say after the And it was still more evident that a Stewart case, that this is a political an election in Tennessee would pro- leave the consequences to the people bably decide which political party should control the Senate, intensified the interest in that election, and attracted the attention of the whole country to the contest.

Now, our readers will remember that there was a contest from Polk . County as to whether Foute, a Re publican, or Stewart, a Democrat, was entitled to a seat in the Legislature. In a political point of view all could see how important it was to the two political parties as to which of these men should be seated, and seated early enough to participate in the organization of the House of Representatives and the election of a United States Senator. It will be remembered that the case went to the Supreme Court on a petition for a mandamus, and that the court came promptly to the front and advanced it upon the docket, taking up the case which had been cut and dried for the purpose, putting aside all other suitors, many of whom had been begging for years to have their cases tried and their rights adjudicated. It was taken up without delay. The court decided, not only to take it up at once and out of its place; but with the least possible delay decided that Stewart was entitled to a certificate of election. He got his seat and voted with his party in the election for United States Senator. Now it is not our to especially criticise this action of the Supreme Court, though we are prepared to say that there are a many good lawyers in the State who were surprised at that decision, and who still believe that the executive authority of the State are under our Constitution given the exclusive power of settling who are entitled to certificates of election, and upon failure or refusal to settle that question, that the Legislature alone has jurisdiction of the question. Nor have the legal profession ever been able to reconcile the decision made by that court in the Foute-Stewart case, with a prior decision made by

the same court on a similiar question. Again the Supreme Court is in ses sion at Nashville. There is upon the docket a case involving the execution of the laws passed at the last session to settle the State debt. No case was ever before a court in this state where so much that was material to every citizen of the State. especially to every tax-payer was at stake. The interest on the State debt as it now stands is about fourteen hundred thousand dollars per annum, in round numbers. The carrying into effect of the law passed to settle the debt, or, in other words, the taking up and decision of the case now pending before the Su preme Court, if decided one way, will reduce the amount of interest one half, or about seven hundred thousand dollars per annum. The State gets a new loan, or rather further time on her debt and gets for the loss of the battle at Franklin. six to three per cent.

texation, which when levied by the the battle.

Legislature, was intended to be applied on the new three per cent. debt, which they had made possible. This money is scattered throughout the State in a number of banks owned by private individuals. What sort of security has the State against the loss of this large sum? We confess we do not know, but hope that the proper authorities are giving the matter rigid attention. This money is not on special deposit. It can, and no doubt is, being used for speculations. Now, if our Supreme Court fails to take up and decide this case, then it must wait and take its place on the docket, which means that it will be two or three years, if not longer, before it will be decided. Moreover, the amount of tax to be levied and collected next year is fixed by law, and fixed on the same basis as now colposits, possibly double them, before the case can come regularly before

True, this will allow a few individuals to get very rich, speculating, handling and manipulating the millions wrung from the people by taxes and intended to be paid on G EEAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE AGENT. be lost? How many banks which are now depositories are to "suspend ?" How much fraud, speculation and corruption is to grow up State debt case is decided, no man can tell. Should a "financial crash" come in the meantime, or even a "stringency in the money market," it needs no prophet to tell that the loss sustained by the failure of Butler's Memphis bank a few years ago, was a mere bagatelle compared with what may be possi-

Painfully apprehensive, the people of Tennessee are watching and party should organize the House. precedent furnished in the Foutefierce contest was about to take place question only, therefore they will between the parties over the election not advance and decide it. Let of a United States Senator. The fact | them in the face of threats to turn that the United States Senate was them out by a constitutional conequally divided, and that the result of vention, discharge their duty and

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Owing to the lateness of the hour when the President's Message was received vesterday morning, we had no opportunity to comment upon it. The verdict of the country will be that it is one of the ablest State papers that has ever emanated from the White House. No paper of a similar character has ever been writ ten, that was more universally read than this will be. It is no disparagement to say that President Arthur went into office under such circumstances, that a great many good men looked with deep concern to his course and policy. His whole bearing, from the sad nineeteenth of September, we may say the second of July, when a terrible calamity brought him prominently before the country, has been such as to win the confidence and esteem of the people. His inaugural address inspired confidence throughout the land, and the people were prepared to see in his first mes sage to Congress a creditable state paper. But we undertake to say that he has more than met the expectations of his most sanguine suppor-If his message may be taken as an index to his administration, the country will never have reason to say that the Republicans at Chicago made a mistake when they nominated him for the Vice-Presidency. He has a clear, frank, vigor-

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soundness on public questions is no less worthy of approval. On financial questions he dodges nothing, but places himself fairly and squareupon the platform upon which he was elected The statement of his foreign policy leaves no room to doubt that it will be bold and at the same time prudent and discreet. His expressions in regard to Indian affairs show that on this vexed and difficult question he is humane and practical. His suggestions touching the Mormon question are pointed and practical. He sweeps away the cob-webs behind which civil service reform is too often obscurely discussed, and ap proaches the subject in the light of common sense. It is an admirable paper in every respect, and no intel ligent man of any party, will have any doubt after reading it, that Pres ident Arthur is endowed with the ability to successfully administer the affairs of the Government.

GEN. Hoop blamed Gen. Cheatham the rate of interest reduced from and Gen. Cheat ham says it was Hood's fault. We happened to be Nor is this all. We learn that thereabouts, and our opinion has there is now about two millions of been that it was Schofield who caused dollars collected from the people by these Confederate Generals to lose

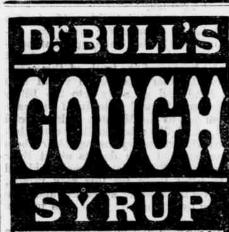
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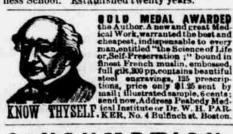
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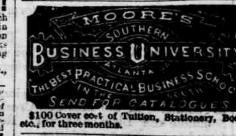
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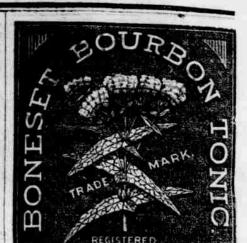
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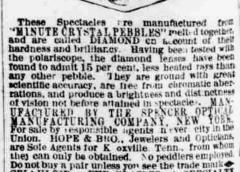
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